

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0026] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0026] An automotive vehicle according to the present invention has a body, a convertible roof and a structural reinforcement system 19. In a first preferred embodiment of vehicle 21, shown in Figures 1 and 2, the convertible roof is a retractable hard-top roof including a front hard-top section 23, a middle hard-top section 25 and a rear hard-top section 27. The hard-top sections are interconnected by a linkage assembly (not shown) driven by an automatic actuator 29, such as an electric motor or hydraulic cylinder. The convertible roof is movable from a raised and closed position above front passenger seats 31 and rear passenger seats 33 in a passenger compartment 35, as shown in Figure 2, to a retracted and open position within a roof storage compartment 37, as shown in Figure 1. Roof storage compartment 37 ~~[[32]]~~ is a trunk with a dual opening decklid, or a bootwall, forward and separated from a trunk, covered by an automatically openable tonneau cover. Such a hard-top roof and linkage assembly is disclosed in U.S. Patent Serial No. 10/245,973, now U.S. Patent No. 6,695,386, entitled "Vehicle Retractable Hardtop Roof," which was invented by Michael T. Willard and filed on September 18, 2002, which is incorporated by reference herein.